

in their failing to heed the assurance and command, "Freely ye have received, freely give."

These men have technical and literary training of an advanced order. They are grounded in Biblical facts and precepts. They are instructed in the conflicts and triumphs of the faith through succeeding ages. They are eye witnesses to the ruin that sin has wrought and the rescue which the gospel provides. They occupy a vantage ground for beholding the majesty of our Lord as it is revealed in the history of the ages, in the victories of the faith of which he is the center and source.

What then is needed to render the apparently limited and restrained testimony of the Church, practically unlimited in its extent and intensity? The answer is, "Enduement with power, claiming and receiving the promise, 'Ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost has come upon you.'" This means deep devotion. It means wrestling in prayer. It means holy meditation. It means contrition of spirit. It means heart to heart communion with Christ. It means a passionate loyalty to him, an uncompromising regard for his honor and glory. It means remembering his words, how he said: "And ye are witnesses of these things, and behold I send the promise of my Father upon you; but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high."

CHAMBERLAIN-HUNT ACADEMY.

The brave Synod of Mississippi is maintaining this splendid institution, twin school with its French Camp Academy, under the same management, with both wisdom and vigor. It sees clearly the need of it to the Church at large and to the Church within its own border. Take out of the Church, and especially in the Southwest, the men who have come to the pulpit from Chamberlain-Hunt and French Camp, and there will be seen a great gap. Keep these institutions going, and supported to the highest limit that their great merit and successful career warrant, and the Church will still have occasion to praise God for the opportunity and blessing given by their existence.

The cry for more ministers is a hollow mockery if those who pretend to love the Church and to be concerned in mind and heart because of the decline in recruits for the pulpit do not mingle with their anxiety and prayers a loyal support of schools like these. The lack of them, and the indifference with which many have regarded the increasing power, attractiveness and equipment of secular schools all around us in which the thought of the ministry is a most uncongenial one, have, above most other outside causes, brought us to this sad condition in which we are now placed. But it is not too late to mend. The foundations of these institutions were laid deep and strong, and in faith. God will surely honor that faith and take care of his own!

Chamberlain-Hunt's beginning was in the remnant of the old Oakland College. Its small endowment represents what was left of that useful institution of the antebellum days. For many years it used unattractive quarters in the heart of the little city of Port Gibson, a community noted for its intelligence, refinement and character. Here the Academy did a great work, produc-

ing men, stalwart men. About a decade ago it received special impulse from the munificence of Mr. J. J. McComb, of New York, who gave it the funds to erect its present splendid buildings.

Now other men of great heart and great intelligence, seeing its fine work, and loving the Church and loving young men, are advancing and pledging large sums on the most liberal terms. The expectation is that within a few months the institution's permanent endowment will be an even hundred thousand dollars. If the energy and devotion of its able president, Rev. M. E. Melvin, are suitably recognized and responded to by those whom he will see, this result will surely be accomplished. He has already been much encouraged in his arduous work.

One feature of the institution under its present management is the provision which it makes for self-help. Many youths go there and by their own efforts, coupled with the opportunities which the institution offers, make their own way through. This feature is growing, and one of the keenest wishes of the president is to have more and more opportunities to open this door of self-help. It is proposed to use the permanent endowment largely in the direction of the development of this feature, that scores of boys who would not otherwise be able to receive an education may, through the munificence of those who have means, be helped towards that fitting for life which will place them upon the loftiest plane. The buildings are already there, splendid buildings, able to accommodate at least one hundred and twenty-five young men. They should be filled at the opening of the next session.

A liberal friend has just equipped the physical and chemical laboratory of the Academy. The apparatus and tables have just been set up, and there is not a school for secondary education in the South which has a more complete or attractive equipment of this kind. To those who wish the beginnings of studies in these lines and who will not be able to attend a college or university, there is offered here a rare opportunity. All praise to the man, who at the expense of thousands has supplied this want.

The thirtieth annual commencement took place last week. A capital baccalaureate sermon was preached by Rev. R. L. Campbell, of Hattiesburg, who also addressed the Y. M. C. A. Junior declamations were made on Monday evening, when Rev. George D. Booth, of Monroe, La., was also to have delivered the literary address, which was prevented by a delay in his arrival caused by the prevailing flood. On Tuesday evening, after declamations by the graduates, an address to the graduates was made by one of this paper's editorial "we." Seven young men received diplomas, fine young fellows. The year that was closed was the initial year of Rev. M. E. Melvin's presidency, and its great success is a credit to his administration. He and his wife live with the boys, as do all the instructors, and their presence is a blessing and protection to those who are entrusted to their care. The Academy is not a "cheap school," for everything it has and offers is of the very best type, but it is conducted economically and wisely, in the interests of all who come to it or who send to it. If we had one like it in each Synod of our Church we would be rich indeed.